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ALLEGED PRO-IRAN SPY EMPLOYED AT THE PENTAGON

Is an Iranian spy working at the top level of the Pentagon?

And is this alleged spy — someone with troubling connections to the tyrants of Tehran — behind a leak last month of highly sensitive information detailing Israel's preparations to attack Iran?

The U.S. House of Representatives and the incoming administration MUST get to the bottom of these questions — and fast.

I am asking you to join me in calling on both Speaker Mike Johnson and President-elect Trump to mount a serious and aggressive investigation to identify the spy and the leaker.

Please use the QR code and access and sign the **EXPOSE THE SPY/FIND THE LEAKER!** petition to President-elect Trump and Speaker Mike Johnson.

As you do, please send your best gift to help us fight for Israel. Your signature on the petition and your generosity both make a positive difference for the Jewish state — and are greatly appreciated!

Many suspect the spy behind the leak is Ariane Tabatabai, a senior Pentagon official.

Born in Iran, she grew up in Tehran. Her late father was a leading political thinker in revolutionary Iran, someone on reportedly friendly terms with then-Iranian president Hassan Rouhani.

All that — by itself — is plenty disturbing. But there's much more . . .

Tabatabai is also at the center of an explosive scandal. Leaked Iranian government emails first disclosed in 2023 reveal that Tabatabai served in a secret pro-Iran influence operation run by Iran's foreign ministry.

Her "handler" was an official in Iran's iron-fisted and feared Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps — a U.S.-designated terrorist organization. **Yet she continues to serve in a senior post at the Pentagon — in the office of Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin!**

RECRUITED IN 2014

Iran recruited Tabatabai and other Iranian nationals with impressive academic credentials in 2014 to serve as mouthpieces in Western media for the radical Islamic regime. Their mission, in the so-called Iran Experts Initiative (IEI), was to pose as objective scholars while parroting pro-Iranian propaganda in America and Europe.

Tabatabai and her colleagues jumped at the chance. After these experts met then-Iranian foreign minister Jafar Zarif at a recruitment meeting in Vienna, one member of the IEI couldn't contain his excitement.

*As you will have noticed, **we are all very much willing to dedicate our capacities and resources to jointly working on the improvement of Iran's foreign relations.***

Iran is our country, so we, too, feel the need and responsibility to contribute our share. When I say "we," I mean the very group you met.



A SPY AT THE PENTAGON? WE MUST FIND OUT!

Someone leaked highly sensitive information exposing Israel's plans to attack Iran. And an agent of influence for Iran is still at the Pentagon. President-elect Trump and the U.S. House must investigate.

— Mat Staver



Tabatabai and her colleagues had no qualms over the fact that Iran:

- Foments global instability as the world's foremost state sponsor of terror.
- Crushes dissent, killing protesters on the streets.
- Brutally subjugates women, arrests and tortures religious minorities, especially Christians.
- Chants "Death to Israel" and is maniacally obsessed with wiping Israel off the face of the earth — and destroying America, too.

Those concerns were brushed away. Instead, Tabatabai and her fellow academics went all-in to do PR for the mullahs.

They soon produced a flood of opinion columns, scholarly articles, radio and television interviews, tweets, and more. Their output touted "the need for a compromise with Tehran on the nuclear issue," according to *Semafor*, the news outlet that broke the story, along with Iran International.

Tabatabai used her credentials as a Harvard-affiliated scholar to weigh in on U.S.-Iran relations. In a 2014 article published in *Israel*, Tabatabai claimed that Iran's rulers were not "fundamentally opposed to Israel's very existence." What!

(Too bad Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, didn't get the memo. Just a few months earlier, Khomeini called Israel a "rabid dog" and declared the Jewish state "has no cure but to be annihilated.")

In another 2014 article, Tabatabai argued, "Making Iranian human-rights violations an issue in the nuclear negotiations would be counterproductive." Indeed.

And Tabatabai kept in contact with Tehran as she did all this. In one leaked email Tabatabai asked her Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps contact whether to attend a workshop in Israel on Iran's nuclear program. Israel, he replied, "is better to be avoided."

OUTRAGE IN CONGRESS

As you can imagine, Tabatabai's past and her Pentagon post, including a high security clearance, sparked outrage in Congress.

- Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA) blasted Tabatabai, calling her a "spy working at the Pentagon."
- Rep. Elise Stefanik called it "shocking and unacceptable that the DOD is employing someone who worked so closely with the Iranian regime."
- These reports and the emails they expose are indescribably troubling, charged an outraged Sen. Ted Cruz, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Cruz added: "Any officials linked to these emails should immediately have their security clearances pulled until these allegations are fully resolved and accountability is imposed."

I absolutely agree with Cruz, and I hope you do as well. Please use the QR code to access and sign the **EXPOSE THE SPY/ FIND THE LEAKER!** petition now and send your kind gift to bless and defend Israel!

And here's one more reason why your signature on the petition is so needed. Despite the damning links to Iran exposed in the emails, the Pentagon has ignored this scandal. Instead of launching an investigation, the Pentagon declared in October 2023 that:

Dr. Tabatabai was thoroughly and properly vetted. . . . We are honored to have her serve.

And to add to the outrage, in the days after the scandal broke, Tabatabai visited the White House on eight separate occasions. She also kept her Pentagon post as chief of staff in the Office of Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict (SO/LIC).

The job gave her "unique access," writes *Free Press* journalist Jay Solomon, "to the highest levels of classified intelligence as well as knowledge of virtually all global U.S. special military operations."



RED FLAG!

But there's another red flag . . . a strong signal the Pentagon knows Tabatabai is a risk but didn't want to expose an alleged spy in the Pentagon for fear it would hurt the presidential prospects of Vice President Kamala Harris.

In late October, the Pentagon quietly transferred Tabatabai to a new post "where she can't really touch any classified material," a former Pentagon official told Solomon.

Smoke is rising. The House must find and put out the fire. It's critical that you and I press President-elect Trump and Speaker Mike Johnson to get to the bottom of this national security scandal.

Someone leaked highly sensitive information exposing Israel's plans to attack Iran. Whether Tabatabai did it is unknown. The House must find out who did. And it must also ensure that a stealth agent for Iran gets nowhere near America's most sensitive security secrets!

Please see the **EXPOSE THE SPY/ FIND THE LEAKER!** petition using the QR code and sign it right away.

Please also send your best gift now to help us stand for Israel as it fights for its very survival.

God is turning the tables on the enemies of Israel — but the battle is not over. Stand with Israel now!

Thank you for your friendship with CIDI and your love for the Jewish people!

Together for Israel,

Mat Staver

Chairman and President

P.S. Someone leaked sensitive intelligence information damaging to Israel. Some finger Ariane Tabatabai, a known agent of influence for Iran who now serves in a top Pentagon post. Join me in demanding a thorough investigation. Sign the **EXPOSE THE SPY/FIND THE LEAKER!** petition and please make your best gift now!